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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on November 4, 2003 and April 7, 1999, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This IDS is being filed before a Final Action, Notice of Allowance, or Quayle Action. Each of the documents listed in this IDS was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the communication from the Japanese Patent Office in the counterpart patent application and the documents listed therein, including any copending patent

applications, are attached. An English translation of the communication and an Abstract of each listed document are also enclosed. English translations of portions of Japanese Published Patent Application Nos. 08-083418 and 08-115519, which are listed in this IDS, are also attached.

Further, supplemental to the IDS filed on November 4, 2003, which cited Japanese Published Patent Application No. 04-153910 and provided a statement of relevancy thereof, Applicants submit an English translation of a portion of that Application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

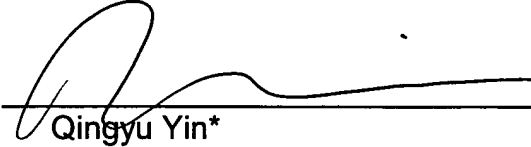
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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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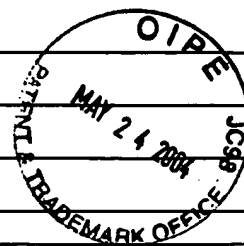
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